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Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please insert the following as the first sentence of the specification following the title:

a This is a ~~divisional~~ application of U.S. Serial No. 08/400,657 filed March 8, 1995.

Please cancel Claims ~~1-24~~ and replace them with the following new Claims 25-50:

1 25. A method for amplifying a target polynucleotide contained in a sample comprising the steps of:

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- (a) contacting the sample with a first support which binds to the target polynucleotide;
 - (b) substantially separating the support and bound target polynucleotide from the sample; and
 - (c) amplifying the target polynucleotide.